

**Memorandum from**  
**The RTM Education Committee**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 3, 2010

Darien Town Hall – Room 119

*Education Committee Members in Attendance: Dennis Cummings, Joan Davis, Maria Ferretti, Emily McDermott, Christa McNamara, Susan Morrison, Sandy Savage, Lois Schneider, Karin Sharp, Barbara Thorne*

*Education Committee Members Absent: Chris Camuti, Barbara Harrington, Dennis Maroney*

*Guests in Attendance: Murry Stegelmann from the Board of Finance; Kim Westcott, Amy Bell, Elizabeth Hagerty-Ross, and Heather Shea from the Board of Education; and Don Fiftal, Steve Falcone, and Dick Huot from the Administration*

The meeting was called to order by Lois Schneider at 8:05 p.m.

Topics discussed:

1. Minutes from the regular meeting of April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 were approved with a unanimous vote.
2. Discussion on the request for the Special Appropriation from the General Fund to balance the 2009-2010 Darien Board of Education budget. Issues discussed included Special Education costs and reimbursement rates, along with anticipated state aid. Murry Stegelmann said that the BOF unanimously voted for the \$350,000 to cover the anticipated shortfall. Any unused funds will be returned to the town.
3. Discussion on the 2010-2011 Darien Board of Education Budget. Kim Westcott presented an overview of the budget. Discussion was held and questions were answered on the budget.
4. Education Committee voted unanimously on Resolution 10-10 to approve the appropriation, and voted unanimously on the 2010-2011 Board of Education budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christa McNamara

Clerk RTM Education Committee